

NOAA PHINS Organization Meeting  
August 22, 2006  
NCDDC, Stennis, MS

Major outcomes

- Increased awareness and understanding of PHINS project among various NOAA units, particularly in NMFS and Sea Grant
- Identified some projects, web sites, and funding opportunities which the team was not aware of
- Agreed to support the idea of holding individual user needs meetings with key state users before convening any user need workshops
- All units participating in the meeting indicated that they were interested in being involved in the project.

Is this just a GOS for habitat for the Gulf?

Yes, but GOS doesn't work

CMECS classification

**Existing habitat related activities or web sites that PHINS should be aware of**

LA Sea Grant started a web site after Katrina that focuses on habitat conservation, restoration -- created by MS and AL Sea Grant (check with Kola)

In Mississippi, working on compiling oyster habitat data (check with Kola)

Louisiana Sea Grant – Working with state CAGIS lab

<https://Neri.noaa.gov> - national estuaries restoration inventory

Projects with Gulf NEPs

Sea Grant Research plans

Upcoming community workshops planned by Sea Grant

Essential Fish Habitat web site

**Funding opportunities**

Gulf Cooperative Institute -- \$22m next and habitat characterization is a priority

CDMP as a source for funding metadata development (NSGIC) – REMONA may be able to harvest data from this state level catalog

Sea Grant

Climate Change Database Recovery Program??? – CDRP - possible funding source for supporting development of metadata

### **Dividing up the pie – what each NOAA unit can contribute to the PHINS development effort**

Sea Grant can help coordinating users needs assessment

Providing meta data support – training, bodies, automated metadata harvester, priority historic data sets (NCDDC and CSC)

NCDDC is willing to be a big player and possibly host a major part of PHINS

### **Technical issues**

Big issue: do you push out metadata records or pull records from various sources

Metadata harvesting

Methods of searching across catalogues

Legacy data – how important is this, how much should be made digital

What are the major issues for tomorrow:

Format for user workshops

What web browser should we use

Where should the web site be hosted

### **Needed Actions**

Get list of state level users – ensure that this is an process

Design general format and questions for meetings

Define the users

Propose a schedule

Complete user needs assessment in first quarter

Develop a federal work plan for PHINS

Find out more about EFH mapper and entire EFH process

Find way to survey a larger group of potential users that retains a focus on characterizing user needs

Create a

Fisheries management summit happening this fall – Salt Lake City week of October 30 – PHINS should be represented

Check out waterdatacentral web site from Florida

Rounding out the NOAA PHINS network

Anyone else to bring in from fish??

Bringing in Biogeography (Steve Rohmann??)

Perry gaialdo

Heather ludeman

Basic question from public is “Does my project fall with the EFH boundaries”

Tom Minello - Galveston

Tim Haverlind, Carlos Rivera,

Amanda Frick

Ensure we coordinate with other GoMex alliance themes

CMECS support

Make sure we can technical team together to find

Need clearer sense of who the targeted audience – are we serving them back their own data

Develop an inventory of habitat data activities in NOAA and data sets

Data discovery tool

NOAA National Locator.URL